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An informal communication took place on 23.11.2004, between the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the applicant / the agent.

A copy of the note on that communication (Form PCT/IPEA/428) is herewith transmitted for your information.

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**PCT**

Application No.:

PCT/NO 03/00224

**Note on an informal communication by telephone with the Applicant**

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**Participants**

Representative: Mr. Olav Ornberg

Examiner(s): Faoro, G

**Summary of the communication**

The representative Mr. Olav Ornberg was informed of the preliminary opinion of the examiner concerning the PCT application as published.

In particular he was informed that the claimed subject-matter appeared to lack an inventive step having regard to the cited prior art, as the basic concept of the application of monitoring potentially dangerous parameters, such as presence of gases or fires, in an installation and of causing the shutting off of the equipment potentially creating in conjunction with said parameters an hazard situation, is essentially known from document WO 0139222.

This document discloses an emergency gas and electricity shut off apparatus and a control system triggered by suitable sensors during an emergency situation such as seismic events or fires to shut off the gas and electricity supply so as to prevent dangerous situations.

The representative said he was aware of the relevance of the cited prior art and asked the issue of an International Preliminary Examination Report to enable him and the applicant to decide in due time the future prosecution of the application.



23.11.2004

Date

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